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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Divisional Patent Application of: Bruce A. Hotton et al
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Entitled: COMBUSTION AIR SHUTOFF APPARATUS FOR
A FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE (As Amended)

Previous Group Art Unit: 3749 Previous Examiner: Lu, Jiping

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Entry of the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified divisional patent application, prior to the substantive examination of the claims therein, or the calculation of the filing fee therefor, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.